

## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(New Nonprovisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.  
50277-243322387 U.S. PTO  
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## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of ( ) application identifier or (X) first named inventor, Fei Ge, entitled COST-BASED OPTIMIZER FOR AN XML DATA REPOSITORY WITHIN A DATABASE, for a(n):

(X) Original Patent Application.

( ) Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

( ) Continuation ( ) Divisional (X) Continuation-in-part (CIP)  
of prior application No: \_\_\_\_\_ Filed on: \_\_\_\_\_.

( ) A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 has been added to the specification.

## Enclosed are:

(X) Specification 34 Total Pages; (X) Drawing(s) 4 Total Sheets; (X) Cover Sheet 1 Page(X) Oath or Declaration: 3 Pages

(X) A Newly Executed Declaration:

(X) Signed. ( ) Unsigned. ( ) Partially Signed.

( ) A Copy from a Prior Application for Continuation/Divisional (37 CFR § 1.63(d)).

( ) Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

( ) Signed Statement Deleting Inventor(s) Named in the Prior Application. (37 CFR § 163(d)(2)).

(X) Power of Attorney (2 pages).

(X) Return Receipt Postcard.

( ) Associate Power of Attorney.

(X) A Check in the amount of \$1486.00 for the Filing Fee.

( ) Preliminary Amendment.

( ) Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

( ) Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

( ) A Certified Copy of Priority Documents (if foreign priority is claimed).

( ) Applicant(s) is entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

( ) Statement(s) of Status as a Small Entity Filed in Prior Application, Status Still Proper and Desired.

(X) Recordation of Assignment Cover Sheet and executed Assignment (7 pages).

( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

CLAIMS AS FILED				
FOR	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	48	18	\$18.00	\$ 504.00
Independent Claims	5	2	\$86.00	\$ 172.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable)				\$ 0.00
Assignment Recording Fee				\$ 40.00
Basic Filing Fee				\$ 770.00
Total Filing Fee				\$ 1,486.00

Throughout the pendency of this application, please charge any additional fees, including any required extension of time fees, and credit all overpayments to deposit account 50-1302. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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